Development of Towns

2731. SHRI N.K. PREMCHANDRAN : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the State Government has submitted a project Report relating to the integrated development of the Towns in Kerala for approval;

(b) whether the Project Report for the development of Kollam Town has been submitted by the State Government for approval;

(c) whether the Union Government propose to provide adequate financial assistance for the development of Kollam Town through the overseas development agency; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU) : (a) and (b) Under the Scheme of Integrated Development of Small & Medium Towns (IDSMT), projects are approved by State Level Sanctioning Committees. The State Government has submitted the project reports of four towns, namely, Pathanamthitta, Muvattupuzha, Ottapalam and Kothamangalam to the Town & Country Planning Organisation (TCPO), New Delhi for appraisal and placing the same before the State Level Sanctioning Committee.

(c) and (d) Kollam Town was already covered under IDSMT during the year 1993-94 and against an approved programme costing Rs.880.60 lacs, Central Assistance (1st instt.) of Rs.40 lacs was released. The prescribed financing pattern under IDSMT does not provide for external aid component.

[Translation]

F.P.I. in Delhi

2732. SHRI VIJAY GOEL : Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state :

(a) the number of proposals sanctioned for setting up Food Processing Industries in Delhi during the last three years;

(b) whether this number is near the target fixed in this regard; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI DILIP KUMAR RAY) : (a) to (c) Food Processing Industries are both in the organised and unorganised sectors, and their details are not maintained Centrally. However, during the last 3 years, i.e. 1993-94, 1994-95 and 1995-96, ten Industrial Entrepreneur Memoranda have been filed for setting up of food processing industries in Delhi. Apart from this, during the same period one proposal have also been approved for setting up of 100% Export Oriented Unit in the food processing sector.

[English]

CBI Probe Into NRY

2733. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned 'CBI probe sought into Nehru Rozgar Grant' appearing in the 'Tribune' dated August 22, 1996;

(b) if so, the facts thereof; and

(c) the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU) : (a) and (c) The details of the news-item captioned 'CBI probe sought into Nehru Rozgar Grant' appearing in the 'Tribune' dated August 22, 1996 do not pertain to the Nehru Rozgar Yojana.

[Translation]

Biotechnology Research Centres

2734. SHRI R.L.P. VERMA : Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state :

(a) the number of Biotechnology Research Centres in the Country as on October 31, 1996, Statewise location-wise;

(b) whether the Government propose to set up such Centres in the most backward areas of Bihar such as Kodarma, Giridih and Hazaribag district;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the time by which these are likely to be set up; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH) : (a) There are 100 specialised centres for Biotechnology Research setup by DBT. In addition, a large number of National Laboratories of CSIR, ICMR, ICAR and Universities are also doing biotechnology research. The details are given in the Annexure-I.

(b) to (d) No specific proposals have been received from the backward areas of Bihar. As and when the proposals are received, they would be considered on the basis of their scientific merit and relevance. Some research projects specially to benefit the backward areas have already been supported in Bihar.